



STARS AND STRIPES

### Armed Forces Official Paper Commences Publication in Korea

The Stars and Stripes, official newspaper of the United States armed forces, has opened shop in Korea, thereby continuing a tradition of front-line news service to weary fighting men no matter how tough the job of printing and circulation.

Millions of copies of the paper were distributed at fighting fronts in both world wars. Staffmen got their news under fire and sometimes had to print it wherever they could find type and a press. Ships, planes, jeeps, donkeys — any available means of transportation—were used to get copies to forward areas. In Korea the same hazardous task will be undertaken by a group of soldier journalists recently sent there from Tokyo.

Stars and Stripes was first printed February 8, 1918, in Paris by order of Gen. John J. Pershing. Then a weekly publication, it gained a circulation of 500,000. In his memoirs General Pershing commented, "I do not believe any one factor could have done more to sustain the morale of the A.E.F. than the Stars and Stripes."

The paper was discontinued after the armistice, but it came back bigger and better than ever in World War II. More than 30 daily editions were published in various war theaters. The first appeared in London in 1942. Later Stars and Stripes went to Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, and the Pacific areas as the fighting fronts moved on.

#### Paper Grew in Late War

The London edition, initially published as a weekly, blossomed into a tabloid-size daily with a peak circulation of nearly 700,000. When allied assault troops hit the beaches in Normandy, the paper sent ashore a special eight-page "liberation issue" containing a summary of invasion operations, a pictorial review, headlines from the home front—and reprints of comic strips that the invasion troops had missed.

First attempts to set up a continental edition ended when a German artillery shell scored a direct hit on the Stars and Stripes printing plant at Carantan, France. Undaunted, the staff moved on to Cherbourg and brought out its first edition on the appropriate date of July 4, 1944. Later the staff moved its headquarters a dozen times or more as American forces slashed inland. In Germany Stars and Stripes printed one edition on wallpaper before commandeering a paper mill and other supplies.

Traditionally this newspaper for fighting men has been written and edited by noncommissioned personnel, generally with a minimum of supervision by officers. It is breezy but accurate, and its slum now include many well known names in American journalism. In World War II Stars and Stripes had its own teletype news network, carrying 30,000 words of copy daily to various editions. Since the war, editions have been published for occupation troops in Germany and Japan.

#### World's Largest Route

The distinction of maintaining the world's largest paper route was claimed by Mid Pacific Stars and Stripes during fighting against the Japanese. Military aircraft flew more than 20,000 miles daily to distribute the newspaper at a host of pinpoint islands in the vast reaches of the Pacific.

Perhaps the best illustration of the paper's freedom of expression was a "gripe" column for enlisted men's letters published in the wartime European edition.

### How Many Blind in United States?

There are an estimated 260,000 blind Americans, a recent survey revealed, a metropolis of darkness larger than the population of Syracuse, Miami, Oklahoma City or Richmond. In addition, 340,000 Americans have vision that is only barely useful. Another 1,000,000 are blind in one eye. Some of these people, accustomed to seeing only partially, do not even know they have subnormal vision. Medical science has the knowledge to prevent at least 50 per cent of all blindness. But this knowledge is worthless if we fail to utilize it.



#### European War Unlikely

SECRETARY of State Dean Acheson told a tightly secret meeting of house and senate foreign relations committeemen that he didn't expect Russia to make any war moves in Europe in the near future, despite our announced policy of reinforcing Europe with arms and men.

One of the toughest problems the U.N. faces, Acheson reported, is bringing western Germany into the program. The German people, he said, were overwhelmingly opposed to an armed police force of their own unless it is part of a "well-integrated" task force of all Atlantic pact nations.

A separate police army, he admitted, would be no match for the Soviet military machine in east Germany and might actually invite Russian conquest of all Germany. This, Acheson warned, would be very difficult, if not impossible, to prevent.

At the same time, Acheson said that France probably would oppose making western Germany a full-fledged member of a mutual defense pact, since this would include rebuilding its steel and potential war industries to full capacity.

The final decision will be up to the United Nations general assembly, Acheson explained, adding that another question to be decided by the U.N. was "who owns Formosa?" The secretary of state pointed out that while both the Chinese Nationalists and Communists claim Formosa for China, the important thing was to keep the island "neutral" in the conflict with Russia.

Since any decision should take into account the sentiment of the Formosan people themselves, Acheson reported, the U.N. may decide to hold a plebiscite in Formosa before determining its future status.

#### Fellow Missourian

When President Truman met privately with leaders of the AFL and CIO recently, it was suggested that each leader rise and introduce himself to the honor guest.

Most of the leaders gave their own names, names of their unions and the office which they held.

But when it came the turn of Charles McGowan, head of the Boilermakers Union, he rose and merely said: "Charles McGowan of Jackson, Missouri."

Truman seemed to get a big kick out of this.

#### Two Wyoming Senators

There's an interesting contrast between the two senators from Wyoming, both able, conscientious men.

Sen. Lester Hunt, former governor of the state and recently elected to the senate, has just introduced a resolution to abolish congressional immunity from libel suits when a member of congress makes defamatory and untrue statements.

The founding fathers, Senator Hunt indicates, never meant congress to be a sounding board for such smears as McCarthy of Wisconsin and Schoeppel of Kansas have put across. Both senators have been challenged to repeat their libels off the floor of congress and this columnist offered to pay McCarthy's legal expenses in case he was sued. Neither accepted the challenge.

So newly elected Senator Hunt proposes to rectify this.

On the other hand, Senator O'Mahoney, also of Wyoming and in the senate for 17 years, has been presiding over a committee examining Senator Schoeppel's attempted Red smear of Secretary of the Interior Chapman. And O'Mahoney has become so steeped in the senatorial idea that a fellow senator should be permitted to talk indefinitely that he has let the Schoeppel hearings become a filibuster in which Schoeppel, with no facts and no proof, continues to talk for the purpose of saving face.

Under the American system a man is innocent until proven guilty, yet Senator O'Mahoney is so anxious to be fair to his colleague from Kansas that he seems to think a cabinet officer is guilty until proven innocent.

#### Merry-Go-Round

After seeing the early-American pageant, "Faith of Our Fathers," in which Martha Washington pleads with George to take a rest, Mrs. Oscar (secretary of interior) Chapman remarked: "The life of a cabinet officer hasn't changed in all these years. I've been after Oscar to take Saturday off, but he doesn't pay any attention."

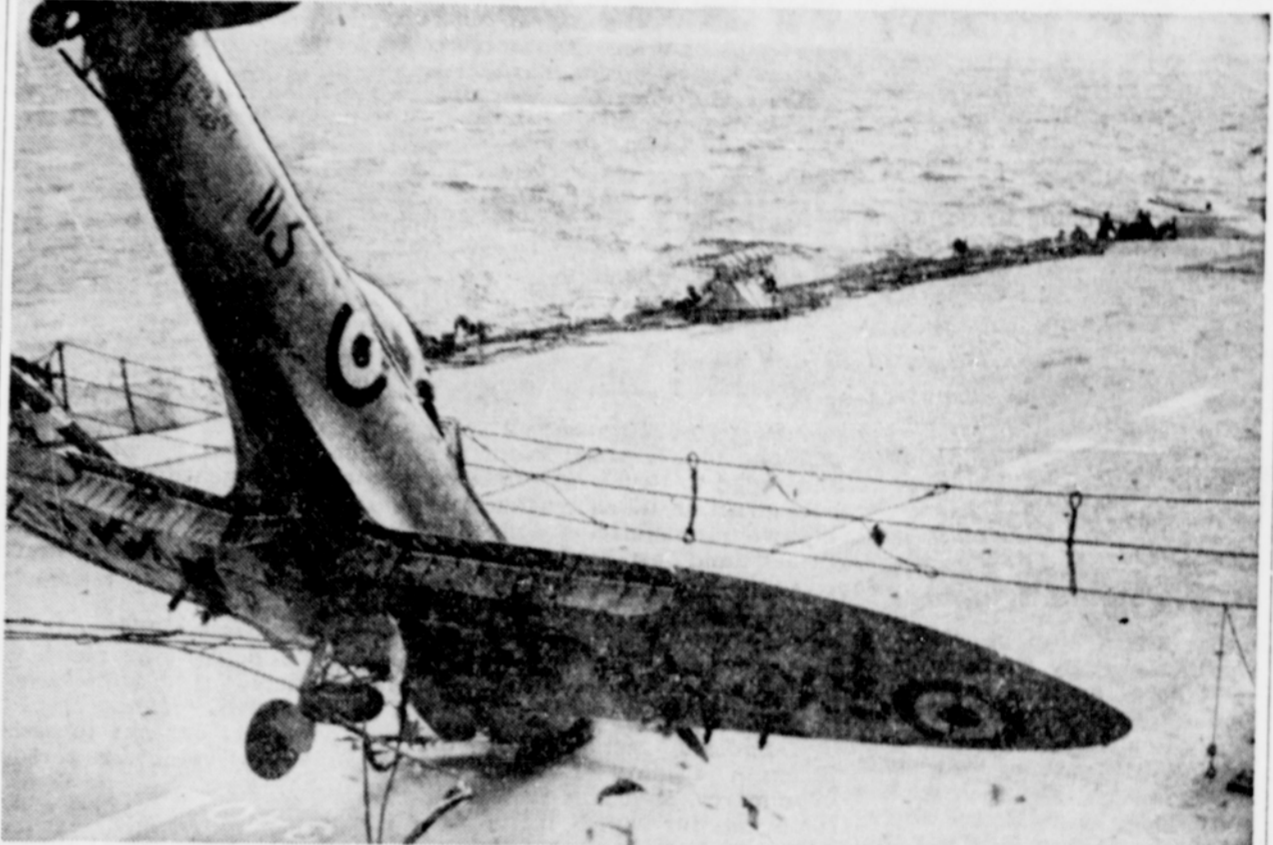
#### Supreme Allied Commander

Not disclosed in recent news stories about a supreme allied commander for Europe is the fact that the joint chiefs of staff have been vigorously opposed to the appointment of an American.

Reason for their lack of enthusiasm is simple. If an American is made top commander in Europe, they reason, then Europe will look to the United States to supply the troops for him to command. If there is a French or British commander, they might furnish men.



NEW DUCK HUNTERS' MAP . . . To determine open season, note symbol and check dates. A—Nov. 3-Dec. 12; B—Nov. 3-18 and Dec. 15-30; C—Nov. 27-Jan. 5; D—Oct. 6-21 and Nov. 24-Dec. 9; E—Oct. 20-Nov. 4 and Dec. 15-30; F—Oct. 6-21 and Nov. 17-Dec. 2; G—Nov. 17-Dec. 26; H—Oct. 20-Nov. 4 and Dec. 8-23; I—Oct. 13-Nov. 21; J—Oct. 20-Nov. 28; K—Dec. 2-Jan. 5; L—Nov. 17-Nov. 26; M—Oct. 20-Nov. 23; N—Dec. 1-Jan. 4; O—Oct. 13-Nov. 16; P—Oct. 6-Nov. 9; Q—Oct. 14-Nov. 16; R—Oct. 6-23 and Dec. 19-Jan. 5; S—Oct. 20-Dec. 3; T—Oct. 6-23 and Nov. 17-Dec. 4; U—Oct. 13-30 and Dec. 19-Jan. 5; V—Oct. 6-Nov. 19; W—Nov. 3-Dec. 17; X—Oct. 6-23 and Nov. 24-Dec. 11; Y—Nov. 12-Jan. 5; Z—Oct. 20-Nov. 10 and Dec. 15-Jan. 5; AA—Nov. 3-Dec. 27; BB—Oct. 13-Nov. 3 and Dec. 8-29; CC—Oct. 13-Nov. 3 and Nov. 24-Dec. 15.



HIT THE DECK . . . A Seafire hits the deck aboard the English carrier Illustrious during a training program aboard the vessel recently near London. Pieces of the plane may be seen flying in every direction. Note the pilot getting set to climb out of the damaged aircraft as flight deck hands start to leave the gunnits to rush to the plane.



PAROLED EX-CONGRESSMAN AT HOME . . . Ex-Congressman J. Parnell Thomas (R., N.J.) peacefully smokes his pipe as he poses with his wife on the steps of their Allendale, N. J., home. He was released recently from federal prison at Danbury, Conn. He was granted a parole after serving more than half of his six-to-18-months sentence for accepting "kickbacks" from employees in his Washington office. He will pay a \$10,000 fine which President Truman refused to cancel.



VINTAGE QUEEN . . . Jane Nigh, Hollywood actress, selected by the wine growers as this year's Vintage Queen, has been picking her share of the grape harvest. She will reign during national wine week, October 7-14. She stars in "County Fair."



"MEN ARE HERE TO STAY" . . . Yolande (Babe) Betheze, the nation's new Miss America, relaxes at a Mobile, Ala., beach with two home-town friends, Eddy Jackson (center) and Devereaux Brown. When asked "What about men?" she replied, "You can say for me that I think men are here to stay." She says she hasn't time for a steady boy friend, will not marry this year and probably not for quite a few years to come. She is 21 years of age.



MEETS THE PUBLIC . . . Princess Anne, born August 15, daughter of Princess Elizabeth, heir to English throne, and the Duke of Edinburgh, makes her first camera appearance at Clarence House in the arms of her mother.



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